On 10.2.1999 certain measures were announced for West Bengal by Shri Pramod Mahajan, the then Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and special representative of the Prime Minister at Calcutta.

On 22nd January, 2000 Prime Minister announced an Agenda for Socio-Economic development in the North-East and Sikkim at Shillong.

(b) Decisions contained in the economic package are considered for implementation jointly by the Ministries of Government of India alongwith the concerned State Government.

(c) and (d) Annual Plans of the States are prepared in consultation with the Planning Commission keeping in view the areas requiring special attention and their requirement for funding. In the process of finalisation of the Plans of the States, Planning Commission takes into account the special problems encountered by different States and wherever possible funds are made available to such States, to address their special problems.

Cases Pending with Labour Courts

*206. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases are pending in the Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals;

(b) if so, the number of such cases;

(c) whether several cases are pending for five years and even ten years;

(d) the total number of such cases in Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure speedy finalisation of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) Statement showing the total number of cases pending, pending between 5 to 10 years with Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts (as on 31.12.99).

SI.No.	Name of the Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court	Total numbers of cases pending	Pending between 2 to 5 years	Pending between 5 to 10 years	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Asansol	309	6	1	
2	Bangalore	441	109	94	
3.	Calcutta	184	32	51	
4	Chandigarh	1372	454	415	
5.	Dhanbad-I	1286	375	180	
6.	Dhanbad-II	1138	393	138	As on Feb. 2000
7.	Jaba1pur	1229	350	224	
8.	©Jaipur	177	—	—	© Has started functioning from l-9-98
9.	Kanpur	724	68	46	
10.	*Lucknow	18	—	—	*Has started functioning from 1-6-99.
11.	$Nagpur	52	—	—	$Has started functioning from' 99.
12.	New Delhi	1057	201	120	
13.	Mumbai-1	189	78	32	
14.	Mumbai-II	292	10	5	
	TOTAL	8468	2076	1306	

(e)

(i) Expeditious steps are being taken to fill up the vacant posts of Presiding Officers in Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts after observing all necessary formalities.

(ii) The need to reduce pendency of Industrial Dispute cases in the Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts is also impressed upon the Presiding Officers by taking up the matter with them from time to time.

(iii) A meeting of all Presiding Officers was held on 6.4.99 in which the need to dispose of pending cases was impressed upon.

(iv) Departmental manual of procedure for use of Presiding Officers in CGITs has been finalised. It is expected that this manual would be useful for the Presiding Officers to dispose of cases quickly.